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confronted again with it this year and, if this is what you want to do, my friends, you are just going to increase that sales or income tax some more and I want you to bear that in mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I guess I have to go along with what Senator Skarda is bringing up and ask Senator Carsten if he would answer a question. Is this \$350,000 just for next year or...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes. This is the first year only, Senator Barnett, and...well, that answers the question.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think that answers that question and he said...wait, I've got a couple more. If he would...Senator Skarda said approximately 5 million dollars for this program.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, it is about four, I think is the actual total figure and I don't have it at my fingertips. Senator Burbach does have and he is not here but it is right at four instead of five, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Now, my next question, sometimes we have a little problem with some of the Senators in priorities as to what they want to fund. This is almost a half a million dollars to take dirt samples, is that right?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, this is literally true but it is scattered over a ten year period, approximately.

SENATOR BARNETT: And now, this is where we have to start deciding our priorities. What happens if this funding does not take place? Can you answer that?

SENATOR CARSTEN: To answer your question, Senator Barnett, it would probably double the length of time that a soil survey can be completed in the state of Nebraska. The object of this is that it be completed sooner than approximately twenty years so that it would go hand and hand with the land use. We would be more knowledgeable in the soils and lands of Nebraska as it relates to land use, in addition to more knowledge in tax equalization field, also. If I may, Mr. President, if I may comment to a statement he made, this may not necessarily be the first that we have to use for priorities, Senator Barnett. I will concede it may be one but I am not real sure that it is the first one we have to look at.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Skarda a question, then, if it is permissible with the chair.

PRESIDENT: Well, his light is on anyway, so ask him.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Skarda, would you agree that this half million dollars, what it is going to do, would you agree with what Senator Carsten has said as far as the dirt program is concerned.

SENATOR SKARDA: Well, I think 35 or 40 percent of the program is completed now and I think most of that is done with federal funds. What we are going to do is inject more state funds into the program. I don't know what they are going to do then with the additional funds they'd get beyond the four or five million dollars there, that he is asking for this morning...Senator Carsten, you might elate a little